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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, SF

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN VIEWS ON TRANSKEI

REF: A. LAGOS 4733 (NOTAL), B. MASERU 880 (NOTAL)

1. REF A REPORTED FMG'S INTEREST IN TRANSKEI'S
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INFORMATION WHICH COULD BE SHARED WITH NIGERIANS.

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4. DEPARTMENT PREPARED FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE (STATE 95601) AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT OF BREAK IN TRANSKEI/ SOUTH AFRICAN RELATIONS: (BEGIN TEXT)

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5. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON ANY OF ABOVE INFORMATION IN DISCUSSIONS WITH FMG OFFICIALS.

6. FOR MASERU: ASSUME THIS ANSWERS REQUEST REF B. CHRISTOPHER

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CAPE TOWN, DURBAN, AND MASERU DATED APRIL 22, 1978.

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